



UKRAINE

OM team members have remained on the ground in Ukraine, serving the needs of people by sharing food, providing temporary shelter for those traveling westward, and driving to pick up those who have no other form of transportation and bringing them to safety.

Lianne is a woman the team recently met who traveled with her mother and two children. She described being in Kharkiv, one of the worst-hit places. At first, they were determined to stay in their home, but as they saw the tanks rolling past, randomly shooting buildings and destroying everything in their path, they decided to flee. They fled on foot at first, but eventually someone gave them a lift to another city. Lianne's family saw an OM worker's Facebook post offering assistance and contacted him for help. When her family finally arrived at the OM worker's house, they were so thankful to have a quiet place to rest, have a warm shower, and eat some food. There are hundreds like Lianne that the OM team has helped.

POLAND

The warm trailers that OM has set up at two of the busiest crossings at Poland's border are serving hundreds of women and children daily. After long, stressful journeys, many people arrive exhausted and with no clear next steps in place. The OM team and volunteers welcome people, engaging them in conversation to answer questions and offer support and help.

From the Polish border, people travel on to known contacts or seek to find a place to stay. The highest need is for housing, and the OM team began networking to help. "There are many Polish people who want to help but need to be linked with the needs of the Ukrainians," Weronika, the country leader shared. "Part of our job has been to help connect them with where the needs are." A volunteer force makes calls daily to arrange for housing options. Already several thousand people have been housed in the homes of Polish people across the country through the network that OM has developed.

MOLDOVA

"When we see people suffering, we want to answer the need. But more than that, because we have Christ in us and we know that that's what Jesus would do, we want to follow in His steps, which is welcoming people, giving [them] hot tea and saying this is in the name of Jesus," said Eugen, the country leader in Moldova. It is this foundation that keeps OM workers serving at the border 24/7 — where the needs of those arriving are critical and the message of hope and love is just as urgent.

The team was granted permission to set up a tent that could hold several hundred people at the busiest border from Ukraine into Moldova. As people wait for hours in immigration lines, the OM team works around the clock to provide them with hot meals, drinks and shelter. Those traveling on foot are especially exhausted and the tent is a place of rest for them. The space is also a place where OM workers can engage in conversations and offer encouragement and a listening ear to people as they wait. There have also been opportunities to pray with people, and New Testaments are available for people who are interested.



KINGDOM IMPACT

“From my limited experience [in Poland] this week I think it is exciting how the common purpose of helping the refugees is bringing churches together,” Steve, an OM worker shared. Central and Eastern European Christians have been jolted into action and prayer in the last weeks another OM leader said. People have opened their own homes to shelter families, given of their own humble means, are learning Ukrainian, listening to people share stories of separation and loss, and offering Christ’s comfort and compassion. OM’s role has been to link national believers with serving opportunities and empowering these Jesus followers to be tangible testimonies of God’s love to those who may not know him. As ministry happens at the borders and in the churches and homes of those who are housing refugees, there are unique opportunities for individuals to engage in meaningful conversations with people who have suffered great losses. One of OM’s strengths is our high value of relationships – both with our partners and with those we serve.



Please pray for the safety of the OM workers in Ukraine, as they face risks every time they leave their homes. Pray also for strength and wisdom for all OM workers as they serve, encourage and love their Ukrainian neighbors who are hurting. Pray that those fleeing would experience God’s protection and provision. Pray for world leaders and that a peaceful resolution would be found for this conflict.

May God bless you for your generosity abundantly!



OM’s Response to the Ukraine Crisis

OPERATION MOBILIZATION

Thank you for your quick and generous response to the unfolding crisis happening in Ukraine. Since February 24, more than 3.25 million people have fled the war in Ukraine, seeking safety in countries further west. Your gift has supported OM teams in Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Moldova, Hungary and Slovakia to quickly respond to the needs of those fleeing. Our teams were among the first at the border, welcoming the sudden arrival of refugees and coordinating with local Jesus followers and churches to provide for those who had none.

In Ukraine, our teams provide food, temporary shelter and transport to people as they flee westward. We have set up two trailers at the border in Poland to provide warm shelter, essential needs and rest for women with children and babies. In Moldova, we have set up a circus tent for those standing in long immigration lines, where people can rest, eat and drink something, and recharge their phones while waiting to cross over to safety. In Hungary, our Bus4Life moved to the border to provide support and help. In Romania, we are providing shelter as well as transporting food and supplies across the border into Ukraine. All OM teams are partnering with local churches to help. OM values the churches and is networking with them in this response. In many places, this crisis has brought different churches and denominations together in unity in their efforts to help. Our team members also continue to engage in conversations with those who are hurting – offering comfort and hope to those who are mourning so much.

Thank You!!

Your gift is making a difference in the lives of people who are encountering OM workers in the midst of this horrible situation. Thank you for partnering with us to be the hands and feet of Christ to those who are hurting. To date, we have seen over 100,000 people touched by our teams. We have helped over 18,000 men, women and children with either a food distribution, transportation or shelter needs, or provided a safe space and care for women and children.